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DELEGATES TO THE ELEVENTH NATIONAL 4-H CLUB CAMP

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MARYLAND

<u>Delegate</u>	<u>County</u>
Helen Coleman	Queen Annes
Raymond Mueller	Talbot
Jean Parent	Montgomery
Frank Stiles.	Montgomery

Miss Coleman writes:

"The 5 years spent in this work have been quite successful and have proved to me that anything worth while can be achieved if we have the ability to do so and strive to always Make the Best, Better.

"Upon graduation from high school, I worked on my projects for about a year before obtaining a position in a tea room near my home. This work was most enjoyable and I made many new friends besides working with my club and continuing my projects. I helped to finance a younger sister while she attended school besides supporting and clothing myself. I should not have been able to do this had I not had some training on planning and budgeting for my own wardrobe through 4-H club projects.

"Since that time I have been at home and continued work with my 4-H club and have taken responsibilities at home with my family.

"I have worked with the community organizations also along with our own 4-H club affairs. I helped plan the second 4-H county banquet which was quite successful. We made the best of being handicapped by lack of supervision by a home demonstration agent and carried it on to the best of our ability. The next banquet in 1936 was even more successful than the last, because of former experiences and the aid of our new home demonstration agent, whom we have strived so hard to obtain. Since then our work has gone on much more smoothly and other clubs have branched out to work with us.

"In 1936 I made 10 dresses, 10 knitted garments, all my undergarments, and helped my mother to can 400 jars of food.

"I have been a member of the County Council for 4 years and at present I am the leader of the Ingleside 4-H Club."

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Mr. Mueller writes:

"I have been in 4-H club work for over 8 years. The first years there was no boys' 4-H club in the county but I was doing individual work with the county agent along with two other boys. We attended tri-county conferences of our neighboring counties that were ahead of us in 4-H work, and also doing some project work.

"In 1930 I was interested enough in the work to help start a club in our county. Our county agent asked me to get some more boys from school who would be interested to meet with him after school and try to organize a club. We had 9 boys who were mildly interested and we organized a club. From that time until now, after losing some and adding others, we have at the present time 33 active members in our club.

"I have held offices of president, vice president, and at the present time am secretary of our club. Through these offices I have learned how to conduct meetings, appoint committees, and have had other very valuable practical experience.

"In my 4-H work I have carried many projects, mainly dairy, poultry, farm accounting, and the raising of corn. The one I am most interested in is dairying. At the present time I own two purebred registered Ayrshire cows.

"My other activities in club work have been judging dairy cattle, judging poultry at State shows, exhibiting poultry and farm products at county shows, making talks to other newly organized clubs in the county to help create interest, representing 4-H groups at other community organization meetings. I have also been on the committee that planned county-wide girls' and boys' activities such as 4-H parties, banquets, and plays.

"I represented our club at a recreational training school that was held for two winters, 1 week each winter, and since then have helped in recreational work in 4-H club as well as in other organizations.

"I have attended Club Week at the University of Maryland for 3 years and have taken active responsibilities. Two years ago I became a member of the Beta Chapter of All Stars, an honorary organization in 4-H work.

"Club work has meant very much to me as through it and its various activities I have had chances to meet and to make friends with boys and girls all over the State, as well as to know more of our Extension Service workers, our State 4-H leaders, and a host of other people whom I would not have had a chance to know otherwise.

"Through club work, I have made trips to various places in the State and a few out-of-State, which I would not have had the opportunity to make had it not been for my 4-H club work."

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Miss Parent writes:

"In my 7 years of 4-H club work, I have completed 14 projects in clothing, room furnishing, gardening, canning, and foods work. My foods work has enabled me to sell on the Farm Women's Market in Bethesda, Md. It has prepared me so that I may do my share in both preparing foods and selling them. Besides regular foods products, through my flower gardening I make enough money to send myself to State camp each year and also to supply myself with some of my clothes. The money I am helping to make will partially send me through college.

"During the past 2 years, with my sister married and living away and business at the market increasing so that our family is quite a busy one, it has been my place to do practically all of the canning as well as the regular home duties along with market work.

"It has been in my 4-H club that I have learned parliamentary law, and have filled the positions of president, secretary, treasurer, and song leader.

"In the past few years the following have been awarded me:

1. Pin for county award - essay and home-economics contest.
2. The county honor pin for style show, twice.
3. Pin for county award in food preparation contest.
4. Ribbons, etc. for clothing, room furnishing, and canning.

"I have given both club and county demonstrations. In 1931 my team mate and I won first in the county in a demonstration contest. Representing the county twice in judging contests at State camp, I have received fourth place both individually and in a team. Giving demonstrations in the local club has been regular work. I have always kept complete records of all my 4-H work - projects, demonstrations, and many other activities.

"For the past year I have been local leader of a club of young girls, aged 10 to 12. This has particularly taught me to realize and appreciate the work done by my local leaders, as well as helping me to prepare for future work of this type. In 1936, I was Tribe leader at Club Week, State camp, and at many 4-H affairs have taken part in inspirational and recreational activities."

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Mr. Stiles writes:

"In 1929 I joined the Montgomery County 4-H Jersey Calf Club. For my project I bought a purebred Jersey heifer for \$50 and started to keep a record of her. My father and two older brothers belong to the Montgomery County Jersey-Cattle Club, which they helped to start and which I also joined.

"After caring for my heifer during the summer of that year I fitted and showed her at the county and neighboring State fairs. From the winnings I saved enough money to buy another heifer for \$50. The next year I showed both heifers at various fairs, although the younger heifer won more prizes than my first one. By the next 2 years I had saved enough money, made on my two heifers, to purchase another calf for \$75. In 2 months' time this heifer died. My first two heifers had calves so I did not buy any more for awhile.

"I was very much interested in raising chickens, and started out with three White Wyandotte pullets and a cockerel. They laid eggs enough so that by the end of the year I had hatched and raised about 100 laying pullets. I showed my chickens at the county fair for 2 years, but since I was going to school and was working at home I did not have time to carry out both projects as they should be so I dropped the chickens and continued with my dairy-club work. All this time I was studying dairy judging and trying out for the county team. I also took up poultry judging for a year.

"During the past 9 years that I have been in 4-H club work I have accumulated 10 head of purebred Jersey cattle, 8 females and 2 males. I have shown my animals at approximately 53 different shows, winning about \$900, or an average of \$100 a year. The second heifer that I bought was grand champion winner in the open class at the State fair one year. I was offered \$1,000 for her.

"I have held all offices of the club, and some of them two or three times. Last year I was second in the State in dairy judging, was selected for the State judging team, and went to Dallas, Tex., to compete in the National 4-H Dairy Judging Contest. One year I helped with the information booth at the Maryland State Farm Bureau annual meeting in Baltimore, Md. In 1935 I was taken into the Maryland All-Stars. I belong to the Grange, and last year was on the discussion panel at the State Grange meeting in Hagerstown. I have given two radio talks, one over the National Farm and Home Hour and the other on the State program.

"This fall I expect to enter the University of Maryland. This has come about through my 4-H club activities."

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